



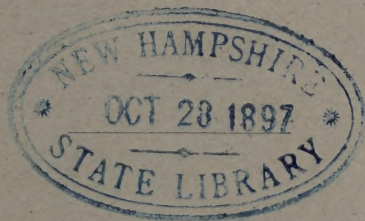
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Report of Selectmen and Treasurer.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1882, as follows:

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1881,	\$2,727.21
Dog tax,	29.00
School-house tax in District No. 3,	151.50
Cash from former Treasurer,	419.98
Received taxes assessed in 1877,	1.88
" " " 1878,	3.00
" " " 1879,	24.58
" " " 1880,	620.19
County for support of poor,	370.34
Railroad tax,	30.48
Savings Bank tax,	160.65
Literary Fund,	36.12
Luther Barrett's interest,	6.06
Stephen R. Glover, dog damage,	1.75
Interest on taxes assessed in 1880,	6.39
John Dean, for land,	293.00
K. E. Dearborn, for books,	12.00
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	\$4,894.13

Disbursements of Treasurer.

Outstanding bills :	
Paid D. B. Clement, on note,	\$202.60
C. M. Barnard, “	117.54
I. C. Tilton, “	139.78
Caleb Whittemore, “	99.37
Jane L. Cass, note in full,	70.57
Otis F. Cross, “	54.32
Clarissa M. Cross, “	57.07
J. M. V. B. Dalton, “	109.60
M. M. R. Mitchell, “	112.46
Ruth A. Batchelder, on note,	400.00
Lovina Brown, “	130.00
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	\$1,493.31

Support of Schools.

Paid District No. 1, David L. Barrett,	\$82.27
“ 2, J. S. Morrison,	31.19
“ 3, D. S. Batchelder,	61.75
“ 5, Alonzo F. Wheeler,	47.62
“ 7, D. B. Clement, jr.,	68.82
“ 8, W. H. Sargent,	112.11
“ 9, Mrs. W. H. Abel,	29.90
“ 10, A. W. Nichols,	12.40
Union District, No. 1, Bradley T. Nichols,	25.56
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	\$471.62

Support of Poor.

Paid for Hezekiah and Sally Heath,	135.00
Stephen S. Brown,	37.00
Lucy Cochran,	4.00
Wm. and B. F. Moranville,	178.24
Mrs. G. R. Tobine,	28.12
John M. Berry,	24.63
——— Johnson, transient,	5.00
John A. Dana,	12.00
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	\$423.99

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid John L. Morrison, S. S. Committee,	25.00
J. E. S. Fifield, Town Clerk,	15.00
D. B. Clement, Supervisor,	4.00
Richard Brown, "	4.00
Hiram S. Tilton, "	5.25
M. M. R. Mitchel, Collector,	33.00
Urial Pike, Treasurer,	25.00
G. B. Dolloff, Selectman,	58.00
H. W. Tilton, "	59.00
L. C. Tilton, "	36.00
D. B. Clement, Committee on house,	2.25
S. Fifield, " "	2.00
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	\$268.50

Abatement of Taxes Assessed in 1881.

Josiah E. Morrison, loss of dog,	\$1.00
George H. Trull, paid in Plymouth,	2.10
S. W. Dalton, over 70,	2.10
Annie Rankins,	2.10
N. P. Batchelder, paid in Ashland,	26.00
Wm. P. Bedee, for use of water tub,	3.00
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	\$36.30

Abatements, Continued.

Taxes assessed in 1875,	17.57
" " 1876,	25.21
" " 1877,	70.42
" " 1878,	11.24
" " 1879,	2.35
" " 1880,	42.41
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	\$169.20

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Stephen F. Hammond, labor and lumber,	\$25.40
Stephen R. Glover,	4.50
James M. Fogg, labor in L. Barrett's district,	3.00

Luther Barrett, lumber,	\$1.00
D. B. Mitchell, “	.71
J. S. Morrison,	1.25
W. H. Sargent, labor, District No. 20,	7.00
R. Brown, labor on and breaking new road,	14.45
Joseph B. Mitchell, labor on Union bridge, 1880,	1.75
L. C. Tilton, labor on Brown road,	1.50
H. W. Tilton, “ “ “	1.50
Uriel Pike, labor in District No. 20,	7.25
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	\$69.31

Miscellaneous Items.

Paid R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	\$14.00
D. Y. Fifield, use of watering tub, 1880,	3.00
R. J. Pillsbury, for town hall,	400.00
Express on money,	.25
Charles Woodman, use of watering tub,	3.00
Selectmen's expenses,	13.15
Expenses to Concord, twice,	5.75
Paid for printing tax bills,	1.00
Bounty on hawks and crows,	.90
Justice fees,	5.20
Drs. Fowler, Bishop and Chase, recording births and deaths,	1.25
Postage and stationery,	5.75
Exchanging town notes and paying county tax,	3.75
Annie Rankins,	75.00
L. W. Fling, services (two years),	40.00
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	\$572.00

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received,		\$4,894.13
	<i>Paid out.</i>	
Paid outstanding bills,	\$1,493.31	
Support of schools,	471.62	
Support of poor,	423.99	
Town officers' bills,	268.50	
Highways and bridges,	69.31	
Miscellaneous,	572.00	
Abatements,	36.30	
Non-resident tax worked,	26.56	
Due on Collector's book,	424.85	
State tax,	312.00	
County tax,	525.25	
School house tax, District No. 3,	151.50	
By cash on hand,	118.94	
	<hr/>	\$4,894.13

Demands Against the Town.

Surplus Revenue, two notes,	\$2,095.81
Mary J. Mitchell,	112.60
Alice Nichols,	33.77
Ruth A. Batchelder,	275.00
Mary J. Mitchell,	560.63
Nathan Chapman,	334.20
Alice B. Nichols,	22.27
Lovina Brown,	201.87
F. B. Tilton,	936.86
Hattie N. M. Morrison,	137.44
Roxy Dolloff,	338.35
David B. Clement,	1,451.35
David B. Clement, jr.,	287.86
Lydia R. Clement,	163.00
Arvilla F. Barnard,	60.00
George F. Fletcher,	130.76
Charles M. Barnard,	881.16
Sherburn W. Tilton,	217.70
Moses M. R. Mitchell,	222.10

Caleb Whittemore,	\$398.08
Alba O. Dolloff,	30.94
Isaac C. Tilton,	1,140.22
Eliza A. Johnson,	413.83

\$10,445.80

Claims due the Town.

Due on Collector's book, 1873,	\$15.07
“ “ “ 1874,	12.54
“ “ “ 1877,	54.77
“ “ “ 1878,	70.65
“ “ “ 1879,	4.72
“ “ “ 1880,	20.00
“ “ “ 1881,	424.85

Due from John H. and John M. Fogg, on note,	10.53
“ Annie Rankins,	77.00
“ T. R. Spiller, on note,	123.95
“ Luther Barrett, on note,	101.00
“ Calvin Blanchard, dog damage,	10.50
“ County, for support of poor,	94.27
“ T. R. Spiller, 1875, '76, '77,	22.00
“ Charles H. Spiller, use of land,	6.00

\$1,047.85

Amount of claims due the town,	\$1,047.85
Cash on hand,	118.94

Total due the town, \$1,166.79

Total demands against the town,	\$10,445.80
Total claims due the town,	1,166.79
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	\$9,279.01
Deduct surplus Revenue,	2,095.81

\$7,183.20

URIEL PIKE, *Treasurer.*

G. B. DOLLOFF,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. W. TILTON,	
L. C. TILTON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Bridgewater.</i>

Report Supt. School Committee.

DISTRICT No. 1.

There were two terms of school. The first term of eight weeks began May 2, taught by Miss GERTRUDE M. DAVIS, of New Hampton. I visited the school at the beginning, and so far as I could see it bid fair for a good school. At the close I found but one or two little girls present, four scholars having left the school some over a week before; and as near as I could learn their parents took them out because (as the teacher thought) one told her an untruth, and for punishment she kept it in at recess. I have questioned the children, and found out *just nothing*. I think the blame rests with the parents, and before I close my report I shall say a word in regard to teachers, parents, and scholars. Miss Davis is keeping her third successive term in one district in Meredith. Whole number of scholars, 8; studying reading and spelling, 8; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 7; geography, 4. Upon the roll of honor is the name of Edna F. Woodman. Wages of teacher per month, \$10; including board, \$18.

The fall term of seven weeks began November 7, with Miss MARY D. SMITH, of this town, teacher. This was her second school, yet she showed the experience of an older teacher, gaining the good-will of all. She will make a splendid teacher, if I mistake not. I visited the school twice. The order was excellent. The examination of most of the scholars was very satisfactory, showing good improvement. I think the school was all that could be expected. Whole number of scholars, 10. Whole number studying reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 7; arithmetic, 9; geography, 5; grammar, 1; composition, 2; algebra, 1. Upon the roll of honor are Elmer B. Wiser, Emma A. Tobine, Clara B. Wiser, and Edna F. Woodman. Number of visits by parents and others, 3. Wages of teacher per month, \$14; including board, \$22. Whole amount of school money, \$82.27. David L. Barrett, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

One term of eleven weeks, commencing June 27, was taught by Mrs. SARAH P. S. HUSSEY, of Ashland. This was Mrs H.'s

first attempt at teaching. The district having no school-house, the school was kept at the residence of the Prudential Committee. I visited the school twice. There were but four scholars, the oldest being but nine years old. One was absent from sickness three weeks, and two were tardy from five minutes up to two hours nearly every day. There was quite an improvement in reading and arithmetic; the geography was not quite so good. One scholar made a marked improvement in writing. The order was not quite as good as I like to see, but perhaps the school was as good as could be expected. Number of pupils studying reading, 4; spelling, 3; penmanship, 3; arithmetic, 2; geography, 2. Upon the roll of honor is the name of Joseph H. Morrison. Number of visits by parents and others, 5. Wages of teacher per month, \$6; including board, \$11.34. Whole amount of school money, \$31.19. Joseph S. Morrison, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Two terms in this district. The first term of eleven weeks began May 9, Miss IDA G. PILLSBURY, of this town, teacher. This was her first school; yet she succeeded nicely, and kept a good school. The scholars were all small, but at the close they did themselves much credit, as did the teacher. I can say that I was well pleased with the school. I visited it twice; the order was good. Whole number of scholars, 8; whole number studying reading, 8; spelling, 8; penmanship, 4; arithmetic, 5; geography, 3. No names upon the roll of honor. Abbie F. Batchelder and Mary E. Fletcher were only tardy once each. Number of visits by parents and others, 18. Wages of teacher per month, \$8; board given.

The second term of twelve week began November 7, under the instruction of Miss LUELLA J. LOCKE, the teacher of No. 5, who kept an excellent school. No one knows better how to maintain good order in school than does Miss Locke. I visited the school twice; the order was excellent. The closing examination was highly commendable for good progress and thoroughness in all studies. The district lacks for enough black-boards, but they have a nice chance to put on a liquid slating, which can be painted upon the plastering. Whole number of scholars, 14; studying reading, 14; spelling, 14; penmanship, 14; arith-

metic, 12; geography, 12; grammar, 5; history, 9; composition, 8; algebra, 2. Upon the roll of honor are Mary M. Fletcher, Eva L. Upham, Scott W. Fletcher, and Clinton E. Davidson. Carrie Dalton was absent only one day. Number of visits by parents and others, 38. Wages of teacher per month, \$14; board given. Whole amount of school money, \$61.75. David S. Batchelder, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

One term of ten weeks, commencing August 29, under the instruction of Miss LUELLA J. LOCKE, of Alexandria, the same teacher as last year. I visited the school at the beginning, and was notified by the Prudential Committee that it would close Friday, November 4; but the public examination would be Thursday afternoon, November 3. It being very rainy Thursday, I waited until Friday morning, but the school was closed Thursday. The examination was made in the presence of nearly all the district, and they seem unbounded in their praise of the teacher and school, and think that if I had been present I could have given no other school in town so good a report. Miss Locke is an excellent teacher, and I have not the least doubt that the district may well be proud of their school. Whole number of scholars, 16; studying reading, 16; spelling, 16; penmanship, 16; arithmetic, 8; geography, 5; grammar, 2; composition, 6; algebra, 1; history, 2. Geo. H. Wheeler, 8 years old, missed but five words in spelling. Upon the roll of honor are the names of Rose E. Fifield, Roscoe F. and George H. Wheeler. The district have expended \$100 in repairing the school-house. Number of visits by parents and others, 28. Wages of teacher per month, \$13; including board, \$21; money unexpended, 82 cents. Whole amount of school money, \$47.62. A. F. Wheeler, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

There were two terms of school, both under the instruction of Miss MARY A. MORRILL, of this town. Miss Morrill has had experience in teaching, having taught several schools in town before, and I can well give her the name of being an excellent teacher, both terms being a perfect success, and all, I think that could be expected. The order was good. One class in arith-

metic deserves special mention, as do some of the reading classes. They all did well. The spring term of six weeks began May 23. I visited it twice. Whole number of scholars, 15; studying reading, 15; spelling, 15; penmanship, 9; arithmetic, 9; geography, 5; grammar, 3. Upon the roll of honor are the names of Walter D. Clement, Harry B. Clement, Josie H. Clement, Helen M. Smith, Katie G. Smith, Flora D. Smith, Annie C. Brown, Nellie L. Tyrell, Ernest Moranville. No. of visits by parents and others, 11. Wages of teacher per month, \$12; including board, \$17.

The fall term of 9 weeks began September 19. I visited it but once, near the close. Whole number of scholars, 13; whole number studying reading, 13; spelling, 13; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 7; geography, 5; grammar, 4. Upon the roll of honor are Walter D. Clement, Harry B. Clement, Josie H. Clement, Myra E. Clement, Helen M. Smith, Katie G. Smith, Flora D. Smith, Ona A. Smith, Charlie Drake, Annie C. Brown. No. of visits by parents and others, 10. Wages of teacher per month, \$14; including board, \$19. Whole amount of school money, \$68.82. David B. Clement, Jr., Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Two terms of school. The first, of six weeks, began August 15, taught by Miss CELIA A. JEWELL, of Hebron, who kept a splendid school. She is a thorough teacher in every sense of the word. I visited the school twice. The order was excellent, and for so short a term the advancement was good and very thorough in all the studies. Whole number of scholars, 15; studying reading, 15; spelling, 15; penmanship, 14; arithmetic, 15; geography, 12; grammar, 10; algebra, 1. Upon the roll of honor are the names of Etta M. Dolloff, Mabel Dolloff, Maud Dolloff, Flora Sargent, Walter Sargent, Alice Tilton, Alfred Tilton, Emery Flanders, Adua Hammond. Number of visitors by parents and others, 33. Wages of teacher per month, \$20; including board, \$25.

The second term of twelve weeks began October 24, with the same teacher as last year, Miss KATE L. ROBIE, of Bristol, who is too well known to need any comment from me. Yet I will say she has fully sustained her former fame as a teacher. She is just the teacher for this school which, being so large, requires

an active, go-ahead person. I did not visit the school but once, and that near the close. The order was excellent, it being seldom that you will see so good order in so large a school. The examination was highly satisfactory in all studies, showing hard and faithful work by both teacher and pupils. No. 8 does well this year. Whole number of scholars, 26; studying reading, 26; spelling, 26; penmanship, 26; arithmetic, 26; geography, 22; grammar, 18; history, 14; composition, 22; physiology, 7; book-keeping, 1; algebra, 5. Upon the roll of honor are M. Etta Dolloff, Maud M. Dolloff, Mabel M. Dolloff, Agnes M. Dolloff, L. Della Tilton, Alice M. Tilton, Flora M. Sargent, Lennie D. Flanders, Emery M. Flanders, Adna B. Hammond, Charles E. Spencer, Alfred H. Tilton, Daniel C. Whittemore. Number of visits by parents and others, 23. Wages of teacher per month, \$20; including board, \$25. Whole amount of school money, \$112.11. Walter H. Sargent, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

There was one term of six weeks, commencing July 18th, under the instruction of Miss NELLIE M. VOSE, of Alexandria, a teacher of some experience. I visited the school at the commencement, and the teacher wrote me when it would close. I could not go until the last day, when I found it had closed the day before, a mistake of one day in the date given me for the close was made. The order was good, and the school appeared well at the time of my visit, and I have no doubt it was a good school, having heard nothing to the contrary. Whole number of scholars, 5; studying reading, 5; spelling, 5; penmanship, 3; arithmetic, 3; geography, 1; grammar, 1; composition, 3. Upon the roll of honor is the name of Ernest A. Abel. Number of visits by parents and others, 7. Wages of teacher per month, \$12; including board, \$20. Whole amount of school money, \$29.90. Mrs. W. Abel, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.

One term of about three weeks, beginning June 27, was taught by Miss GEORGIA P. CALLEY, the teacher of Union District No. 1. I did not visit it at the beginning, as there were but two scholars, and they had been to the union school just closed. Not hearing from the school, and knowing it could not keep over four weeks, I went up at the close of the fourth week, and found it

had closed the first of the week. The register has not been returned to me. When *will* Prudential Committees learn to go according to law? Wages of teacher per month, \$9, including board, \$— . Whole amount of school money, \$12.40. Arthur W. Nichols, Prudential Committee.

UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

Two terms of school. The spring term of six weeks began May 9th, Miss GEORGIANA P. CALLEY, of West Campton, teacher. This was Miss Calley's first attempt at teaching, and perhaps she did as well as could be expected. She has qualifications that help make a good teacher, but to succeed she must use more energy and perseverance. I visited the school at the beginning and close. The order was good, and the progress fair. Reading, spelling, and arithmetic were very good; geography not so good. Whole number of scholars, 9; studying reading, 9; spelling, 9; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 7; geography, 3. Upon the roll of honor are Archie B. Nichols, Emma P. Plummer, Carrie M. Mitchell. Number of visits by parents and others, 10. Wages of teacher per month, \$9; including board, \$13.40.

The fall term of eight weeks began September 12, Miss LAURA E. BROWN, of Plymouth, teacher. This was Miss Brown's first school. I visited the school at the beginning and close. At the beginning, the school appeared quite well, and I expected a good school; but at the close I was sadly disappointed. They did not seem to know any thing they had been over, and I have never before been in a school where the order was so poor. I do not like to have a teacher have to speak to a pupil while I am present, but when she does, and that pupil then acts twice as bad, it shows that the scholars rule, and not the teacher. In my opinion the school was an entire failure. Perhaps I should say that the parents of some scholars failed to furnish them with proper arithmetics, and the teacher undertook to instruct them from her own head, without any book. Miss Brown has attended the State Normal School. Whole number of scholars, 10; studying reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 7; arithmetic, 7; geography 7. Upon the roll of honor are the names of Winnifred Mitchell, Carrie Mitchell, Albert Mitchell. Number of visits by parents and others, 13. Wages of teacher per month,

\$9 ; including board, \$13.40. Whole amount of school money from the town of Bridgewater, \$25.56. Bradley T. Nichols, Prudential Committee.

In conclusion I will say a few words relating to the schools in general. During the past year, most of our schools have been under the instruction of able and competent teachers, and the results of course are good schools ; but I cannot say that they all have been. But I hope from this fact alone that we may learn something. In our choice of Prudential Committees, we should select those who would be very careful in the selection of teachers, and they should at once select and engage the best teachers they know of, and not wait until some one else has secured them and then have to take what they can get. Next, the teacher should have the hearty support of all the parents of their pupils. We cannot have a good school without good order. We have laws of the State and Nation, and we have to obey them ; if then, the child is upheld by its parents in defying the laws of the school-room, is it not encouraging that child as it grows up to defy the laws of God and man? Order is Heaven's first law, and order we *must have*. Then let every parent help and encourage the teacher in maintaining good order, so that the moral education of your children may keep pace with their intellectual ; and my advice is that when you once get good teachers, keep them year after year, if you can, for the reason that they come to know their pupils—they find out each one's ability as a scholar—they know where they leave off, and therefore where they ought to begin next term.

In regard to text-books, I think that some good United States history should take the place of the third, fourth and fifth readers, the pupils to be questioned after each lesson concerning what they have read. The spelling book now in use was introduced about twenty years ago, and in some districts are nearly played out. A new book should be introduced, and with it a copy-book in which to write the spelling lessons. Each pupil would then have all the words to spell ; besides we always use our spelling in connection with writing. Greenleaf's series of arithmetics and Kerl's grammars are in use, and are as good as can be had, I think. Warren's geography should be introduced

in place of Cornell's, and I wish that each district would procure a globe and place it in the school-room. They can be bought for \$1.50 up to \$200, and they would be of great value in the study of geography. A short course of astronomy would greatly help children to understand more about the earth and other planets, and could be studied at school or at home.

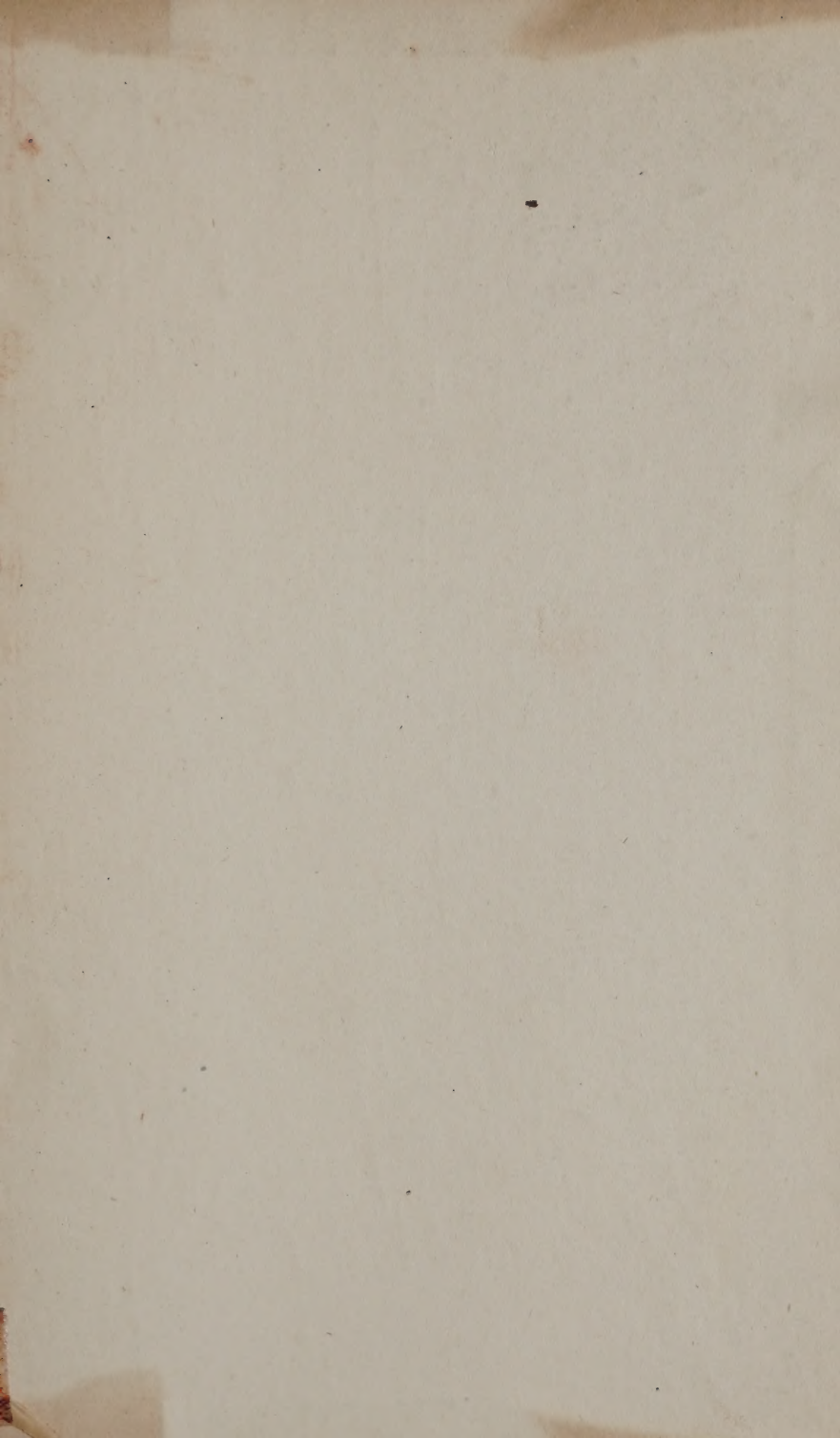
No. 3 has had five weeks more schooling than any other district in town, while there are three districts that have more money (one \$50.36 more). One cause that helped do this was simply giving the board. Let other districts think of this, and profit by it.

I wish to call *special attention* to the following: (1) It is the Prudential Committee's business to give suitable notice to the S. S. Committee when the school is to commence and close. (2) Every teacher at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, *shall* make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and *no teacher* shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee.—[General Laws, Chap. 89, Sec. 16]. This law *must be enforced*. All the school statistics of the State and United States have to start from the school district register, and it is therefore very important that they should be properly filled and returned. It is as much the teacher's duty to do this as it is to keep the school, and perhaps it would be well to rank teachers by their registers, as well as by the schools they keep.

The roll of honor contains the names of those who have not been absent or tardy during the term. There are more names upon it this year than last year; next year, try and let every scholar's name be found upon it.

Whole number of scholars of this town, not less than five years of age, who have attended school two weeks or more, 99; number of children between 5 and 15, who have attended no school during the year, 4; number of scholars between the ages of 5 and 15, as reported by the selectmen, 62—31 boys and 31 girls. Whole amount of school money last year, \$501.25; whole amount of school money this year, \$471.62.

JOHN L. MORRISON, *S. S. Committee.*



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